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1. Approximately 700 Cominform sympathizers were arrested during the last few days in the coal regions of Trbovlje, Hrastnik, Zagorje, Kocevje and Jesenice.
2. An extensive anti-Tito net was rounded up in the Trbovlje area by the UDB. The net seemingly had regular communications with Yugoslav Cominformists in Prague and was supported by collaborators in Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste. The ringleaders, among whom are prominent Tito officials (unidentified), will be brought to trial within the fortnight.
3. It is alleged that Minister Ivan Regent has been imprisoned on a charge, among other things, of communicating with Riko Malalan, the top Yugoslav Cominformist in Opicina, Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste.
4. Slovene Communists predict a new war of nerves by the Kremlin in the spring of 1949. The cells are alerted to watch for listeners to Radio Moscow and satellite broadcasts attacking Tito. Listeners will be penalized and severely so if they are members of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia. Apparently no action is planned against listeners to Radio Trieste and Western broadcasts.

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